

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES

Tues. Nov. 8	6:30 pm	ASONA Bible Study
Sat. Nov. 12	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 13	11 am	Divine Liturgy

Tues. Nov. 15		<i>No Bible Study</i>
Sat. Nov. 19	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 20	11 am	Divine Liturgy

**FLOCKNOTE.** Did you know - you must personally sign up for the Flocknote texts and emails (see below). When joining the Church, or becoming a catechumen, you are NOT automatically added, so please take a moment to add yourself and get connected.

**ALSO,** if you do not add your name to Flocknote, you will be removed after a month. Please add your name and phone number!

## ARIZONA BISHOP'S ITEMS

Can you help us by sponsoring any Episcopal visitation items? The local ROCOR Arizona churches must raise around \$6000 to obtain the items needed for regular pastoral visits from our bishops.

## PARISH TEXT ALERTS

**Sign up easily! Text ASONA to 84576**

stay up to date via email or text alerts - Remember to add your name



SUN. NOV. 6, 2022

ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS "JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW"

TONE 4



#### Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (Ps 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

#### And in the 3rd Tone (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

#### EPISTLES: GALATIANS 2:16-20: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

**B**RETHREN, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**B**RETHREN, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.+

#### Alleluia in Tone 4 (Ps 44)

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness!

You love righteousness and hate iniquity!

#### And in the 8th Tone (Ps 45)

Hear, O daughter, and listen and incline your ear!

#### GOSPELS: LUKE 16:19-31: 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**L**HE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE, "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame!' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

**N**OW IT HAPPENED as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"+



# THE AZONA CHRISTMAS PAGE IS UP

[arizonaorthodox.com/Christmas](http://arizonaorthodox.com/Christmas)

*Time to study up on what we really believe, and we have done the work for you! We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; that this date is a mere fiction, appropriated by church authorities in an attempt to Christianize the pagan solstice, or festival of the sun. However, such charges are actually recent. Learn the truth. Defend the faith!*

## How We Can Know When Christ Was Born

Why do we celebrate the Nativity of Christ on December 25th? Christians should be aware that the Church is a reliable and authentic bearer of truth, and a faithful witness of God’s interactions with man in history. You’ve probably seen many of the strange claims about it. They are all completely false, and even a cursory examination into these claims reveals their falsehood.

## The Biblical Case for the Dec. 25th

We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; the 25th was received as the actual date of Christ’s birth, handed down from earliest times. In fact, the evidence from scripture and sacred history supporting the December 25th birth of Christ is actually very substantial.

## The Origins of Christmas and the Date of Christ’s Birth

Chronological evidence strongly favors December 25th being the actual date of the nativity, such that the assumption Christmas is unconnected with the date of Christ’s birth is no longer academically defensible or sound. Although many Reformers took no exception to Christmas, various Calvinist sects, including Puritans and Scottish Presbyterians, saw it as a piece of fiction, and went so far as to prohibit its observance in England, Scotland, and the American Colonies.

## St. Herman's West Youth Conference

December 26-30, 2022 | Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Youngtown, AZ



Registration begins October 1 at  
[wadyouth.wordpress.com](http://wadyouth.wordpress.com) | Questions?  
[wadyouth3@gmail.com](mailto:wadyouth3@gmail.com)



St. Herman's West 2022 will be held this year at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Youngtown (near Phoenix), AZ. Arrival is December 26 with departure on December 30. The conference will include a work project -- building a walkway for processions at the church, panel discussions, lectures by Fr. George Kaplanov, liturgical workshops, a hierachal liturgy, and social interaction in beautiful areas of Phoenix and Old Town Scottsdale.

Come out for a break from winter weather and an injection of new life into your Orthodox life! Registration for parishioners of the ROCOR Western American Diocese opens October 1 via the link: [wadyouth.wordpress.com](http://wadyouth.wordpress.com).

Counselor and chaperone applications are being taken until October 31 <mailto:wadyouth3@gmail.com>

**Register today!**

# SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

## MARTYR ARETHAS AND 4,299 MARTYRS WITH HIM

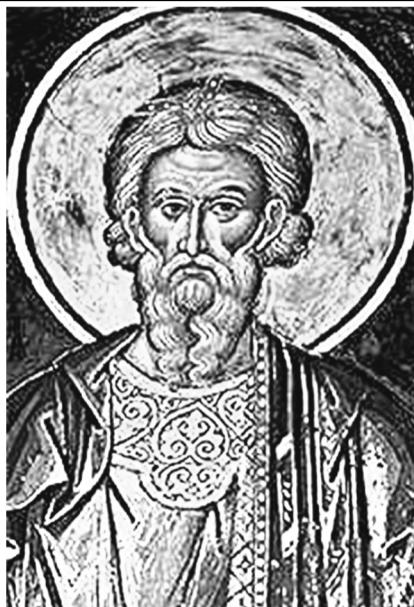
Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the 6th century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan, who was Jewish, decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city.

At the city walls of Negran the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction."

Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the



oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism.

Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God."

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life."

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.



*Holy Martyr Arethas, pray unto God for us!*

**GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!**